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## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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Applicant's or agent's file reference 2003UR013	<b>FOR FURTHER ACTION</b>	see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.
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Applicant EXXONMOBIL UPSTREAM RESEARCH COMPANY		

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2. ☐ Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box I).

3. ☐ Unity of invention is lacking (See Box II).

4. With regard to the title,



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6. The figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 6A



as suggested by the applicant.



because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.



because this figure better characterizes the invention.



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## Box III TEXT OF THE ABSTRACT (Continuation of Item 5 of the first sheet)

### NEW ABSTRACT

A wellbore apparatus and method suitable for either wellbore completions and production. The completion and production apparatus comprises at least one primary flow joint (13), the primary flow joint comprising at least one three-dimensional surface defining a body capable of fluid flow with at least one permeable surface, and at least one secondary flow joint (15), the secondary flow joint comprising at least one three dimensional surface defining a body capable of fluid flow with at least one permeable surface. The method comprises providing a completion and production apparatus comprising at least one primary flow joint and one secondary flow joint wherein multiple fluid flow paths can be provided. The production completion apparatus may be installed into the wellbore (10) to provide at least two flowpaths in the wellbore during well completion, injection and production.

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<b>B. FIELDS SEARCHED</b> Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols) U.S. : 166/236, 235, 227, 230, 242.3, 278  Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched NONE  Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used) NONE		
<b>C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT</b>		
Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 5,318,119 A (Lowry et al.) 7 June 1994 (07.06.1994), see entire document.	1-5, 7-11, 13-23, 26, 27, 30-41, 44-47, 24, 25 and 29
Y	US 4,064,938 A (Fast) 27 December 1977 (27.12.1977), see entire document.	12, 18, 19, 25, 26-29, 34, 35, 39 and 42
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